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MOTION BY MAYOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH

August 29, 2006

RELATED TO ITEMS 79-A and 79-I

LAHSA

Today we are addressing allocations to fund the Homeless Count and a line of credit to support the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority's (LAHSA) short-term cash flow needs, contemplating the City of Los Angeles' matching allocations. In the near future, there will be a request for allocations to cover additional LAHSA operations staff; training programs for LAHSA's fiscal staff; a contractor to conduct fiscal reviews; and a contractor to conduct full documentation reviews of Housing and Urban Development Supportive Housing contracts.

The financial accountability between the City and the County requires uniformity as it relates to requesting and approving budgets to support LAHSA's administration and operations. The Joint Powers Agreement between the City and the County created LAHSA for the purpose of coordinating the operation of existing city and county services to the homeless. However, LAHSA's primary mission and role must be better

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defined. Currently, the existing planning process does not make sufficient provision for tracking outcomes. It is also essential that the accountability and responsibilities of the City and County to LAHSA be more clearly defined.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Chief Administrative Office, in consultation with County Counsel, report back to the Board in 30 days on the best approach to accomplishing the following objectives:

1. Clarify LAHSA's protocols for requesting funding from the County and/or City for LAHSA administrative and operational expenses;
2. Better define LAHSA's mission and role in dealing with the countywide homeless population;
3. Assure that LAHSA's strategic planning process includes encouraging the participation and presence of other municipalities and unincorporated areas where substantial homeless populations exist; and
4. Develop data-based outcome measurements for LAHSA's multi-million dollar expenditures.